GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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EKLAVYA ADARSH AWASIYA VIDYALAYA AND ASHRAM VIDYALAYA
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Eklavya Adarsh Awasiya Vidyalaya (EAAV) and Ashram Vidyalayas functioning in the country as on date, state-wise/UT wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of such vidyalayas;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is no EAAV and Ashram Vidhyalaya in some of the States/UTs;

(e) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(f) the norms for providing grants-in-aid for these vidyalayas?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a): A statement indicating State-wise number of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) functioning in the country under the programme of grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution of India and details of Ashram Schools sanctioned to the State Governments/ UTs since 1992 to till date under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Establishment of Ashram Schools in TSP Areas are at Annexure-I and II respectively.

(b) & (c): There is no proposal to increase the number of EMRS at present. The centrally sponsored scheme of Establishment of Ashram School in TSP Areas is need based and demand driven.

(d)& (e): There are no EMRSs in the States of Assam, Bihar, Goa and Meghalaya. State of Goa started getting funds under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India from the year 2006-2007 whereas the EMRSs were sanctioned prior to this period. Initially Bihar was sanctioned four EMRSs and after bifurcation of the State, the location of the four EMRSs came under the State of Jharkhand. Assam and Meghalaya were sanctioned EMRSs but these were shifted to other State for non-starting of construction for a long period. EMRSs have not been sanctioned to UTs as Grant under Article 275 (1) is released to State Governments only. The States of Bihar, J&K, West Bengal, Goa, Sikkim and UT of Daman and Diu and Andaman & Nicobar have not so far availed of grants under the centrally sponsored scheme of Establishment of Ashram School in TSP Areas.

(f) : For one EMRS an amount of Rs. 2.50 crore as non-recurring grant for construction and a maximum recurring grant of Rs. 72.50 lakh annually for a school functioning with full strength of 420 students are provided as grant in aid. The cost of the construction of the school building of Ashram Schools is equally shared between the Centre and the State in ratio of 50:50. In case of UTs, the Central Government bears the entire cost of the building.